

and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, with an amendment. **Pages S5494–95**

Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, agreed to the request for a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Levin, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Webb, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Hagan, Begich, Burr, McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Graham, Thune, Martinez, Wicker, Burr, Vitter, and Collins. **Pages S5495–96**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Philip H. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013. **Page S5541**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Aneesh Chopra, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Capricia Penavic Marshall, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service.

39 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5539.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for national intelligence program and military intelligence program, after receiving testimony from Dennis Blair, Director of National Intelligence; and James R. Clapper, Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported a bill providing supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and pandemic flu, with amendments.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 for the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Defense; and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Raymond Edwin Mabus, Jr., of Mississippi, to be Secretary, and Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Navy, Andrew Charles Weber, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, Paul N. Stockton, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, Thomas R. Lamont, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1013, the Department of Energy Carbon Capture and Sequestration Program Amendments Act of 2009, after receiving testimony from Victor K. Der, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Kit Batten, Science Advisor in the Office of the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Wyoming State Representative Thomas E. Lubnau II, Gillette; John Tombari, Schlumberger Carbon Services, Houston, Texas; Karl Moor, Southern Company, Atlanta, Georgia; A. Scott Anderson, Environmental Defense Fund, Austin, Texas; and Chiara Trabucchi, Industrial Economics Incorporated, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

S. 1005, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 849, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions;

H.R. 80, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act;

H.R. 388, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes;

S. 529, to assist in the conservation of rare fields and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations;

H.R. 813, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “J.

Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse”;

H.R. 837, to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building”; and

Army Corps of Engineers Study Resolution: Miles City and Vicinity, Montana.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee met in closed session to discuss expanding health care coverage.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Robert Orris Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Whitehouse, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MIDDLE EAST ROAD TO PEACE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Middle East, focusing on the road to peace, after receiving testimony from the Right Honorable Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Quartet Representative, London, United Kingdom.

DELIVERY REFORM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine delivery reform, focusing on the roles of primary and specialty care in innovative new delivery models, after receiving testimony from Kenneth E. Thorpe, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; Richard A. Cooper, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia; Steven Schlossberg, American Urological Association, Norfolk, Virginia, on behalf of the Alliance of Specialty Medicine; Michael Nochomovitz, University Hospitals Medical Practices and University Hospitals Management Services Organization, Cleveland, Ohio; and Marsha Raulerson, American Academy of Pediatrics, Brewton, Alabama.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Larry J. Echo Hawk, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.